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ALIVE WITH PRIDE IN '85

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
As a first time advertiser (May issue) in the SOURCE I am very pleased with the results.
Since the paper came out roughly 80% of my new business at the Travel Center has been as a direct result of my ad.
Not only have you at the SOURCE done an excellent job with the paper but it is obvious that your readers are anxious and willing to support the businesses in our community. That's exciting!
I would urge other business people in the community to look to the SOURCE as a viable advertising vehicle. I would also like to encourage everyone in our "family" to continue supporting the "family". We can be, and are, a potent financial power.
Thank you,
Michelle Abdill
Mann's Travel Center

"TOO HOT FOR BROADWAY"

By Harry Staub

The Denver Gay Mens Chorus will be back in Colorado Springs on the 29th of this month. Offering a selection of Broadway Pop Tunes the group will be featuring the works of Rogers and Hammerstein, Gershwin, Rogers and Hart and more. The Chorus was here last year during Gay Pride Week and provided the Community with an evening of song and music that will long be remembered for the emotional impact it had on the crowd.
The concert will be held at The Little Theater (in the City Auditorium) on Weber, and the doors will open at 6:45 with the performance starting at 7:30. Tickets will be on sale at the door for $2.00.

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GAY PRIDE PARADE

By Harry Staub

Where are you going to be on Sunday, June 23rd? Well, if your like many of the other people in the Pikes Peak Gay Community you'll be in Denver marching in the Gay Pride Parade.
The annual event, scheduled to start at noon will be the culmination of a week long series of Gay Pride events. What better way to top off the week than marching with thousands of brothers and sisters in Pride and Unity.
The Count Me In group will be sponsoring a Continental Breakfast (free of charge) at the Pikes Peak Gay Community Center at 9:00 am. that morning. Everyone is welcome and car-pooling will be available to the parade route in Denver. So, if your only excuse for not attending is a lack of transportation - your problem is solved. Plan on being there and plan on being a part of the community.

CORONATION '85

"Hooray for Hollywood" is the theme for this year's Coronation and the members of the I.C.S.C. are working hard on the preparations to make it an evening to remember. Kicking off the festivities for Gay Pride Week, the affair is scheduled to start at 6 pm. on June 15th at the Clarion. After a one hour cocktail party Coronation itself will begin at 7:00. Tickets are $15.00 per person and are on sale now.
This is your chance to have an enjoyable evening out and support a group that makes major contributions to the community at the same time.

BANNER REPRESENTS PIKES PEAK REGION

By Harry Staub

The Pikes Peak Gay Community Center Board of Directors is extending an open invitaion to all the communities in the Pikes Peak area. Realizing that there are a lot of gay people that live in the area whose towns won't have representation in the parade in Denver on the 23rd, it was voted to design the banner to represent the entire Pikes Peak area. Therefore giving everyone a place to march. The banner reads "PIKES PEAK REGION" and thanks to a lot of hard work by a few caring individuals is ready to go. Special thanks go to Shelly, Linda, Roxanne, KayLyn and Michelle for the many hours involved in getting this project off the ground.

HELPLINE GETS NEW HOURS

By Allan Wakefield

With the gaining of 6 new volunteers the Helpline is stronger than ever and has a lot more to offer the community.
Already trained and ready to go, the new volunteers are presently covering shifts and giving some of the original group some days off. Right now plans are being discussed to open the line on Sundays and the possibility of scheduling some day-time shifts.
One of the volunteers is already manning the phone Wed., Thurs. and Fri. between 1:00 and 6:00 pm. This volunteer does have other commitments and in the event you call during these hours and get the machine, there is a chance he had to leave the office or handle a call on another phone. If you need to talk to someone, don't give up. Just give it a little time and call back.

GAY TEACHERS WIN COURT VICTORY

In a major victory for the lesbian and gay community, the U.S. Supreme Court has let stand a lower court decision striking down an Oklahoma law that permitted the firing of teachers for speaking in favor of gay and lesbian civil rights. The National Gay Task Force had challenged that law.

Commenting on the decision, Acting NGTF Executive Director Jeff Levi said, "Teachers whatever their sexual orientation, can now feel free to participate in the political process when it comes to the issue of gay and lesbian civil rights. It is a major advance for our community."

Outgoing Executive Director Virginia Apuzzo commented, "In our view, the Court has affirmed that gay men and lesbians have the same First Amendment free speech rights as other Americans. It is gratifying to me that justice has been done, but I am appalled that there are four members of the nation's highest court who would deny lesbian and gay citizens their basic Constitutional rights.

"Clearly," Apuzzo continued, "our community can not relax its vigil, and we must remind our friends outside the gay and lesbian community that we need their continued support."

Levi and Apuzzo expressed their thanks to Laurence Tribe of the Harvard Law School who argued the case before the Supreme Court in January, and to his associate Kathleen sullivan, and their staff.

The Court split 4–4 on the decision, with Justice Lewis Powell not participating. Powell did not hear the oral arguments and declined to ask that the case be re–argued. The tie vote means the ruling sets precedent only in the tenth Circuit– COLORADO, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Utah and Wyoming–but Oklahoma's legislation was unique. An attempt to institute a similar law in California was turned aside by the state's voters when Proposition 6 was defeated. Both liberals and conservatives, including then former Gov. Ronald Reagan, opposed the anti–gay initiative.

In a 2–1 decision, the Tenth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals held in March of last year that "The part of Oklahoma Statute 70 6 S 103.15 that allows punishment of teachers for "public homosexual conduct" does present constitutional problems," because such contact was defined in the statute as "advocating, soliciting, imposing, encouraging or promoting homosexual activity in a manner that creates a substantial risk that such conduct will come to the attention of school children or school employees."

The NGTF, acting as plaintiff in the case on the behalf of teachers and principals in Oklahoma city, had appealed an earlier unfavorable ruling. The brief for the NGTF argued that the law created an unconstitutional infringement on free speech, and the Appeals Court agreed. Oklahoma appealed that decision to the Supreme Court. *Sentinel USA.*

GAY HISTORY QUESTION

In 1984, an athletic event sponsored by Front Runners N.Y. and the New York Native drew thousands of gay men and women and was sanctioned by the Metropolitan Athletic Congress and the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation. What was the name of this event? (Answer on page 6)

NETWORK/PRIDE PICNIC

By Harry Staub

The second annual Pride Picnic sponsored by the Network is ready to go. Space has been reserved in Palmer Park (it will be clearly marked so you won't get lost) for June 16th from 9 am to 4 pm. Tickets are on sale now (3.50) for the barbeque lunch which will be served between 11:00 and 12:30. Also planned for the days activities will be the drawing for the V.C.R. "Wild Raffle" (tickets still available $1.00 ea. or 6 for $5.00) and several soft ball games between various support groups and organizations in the community. Last years picnic was a huge success and it looks like this years will be even better. So, mark the date on your calender and be prepared for a day of fun in the sun and PRIDE in the park.

THEY'RE PROUD AND THEY'RE SHOWING IT!

By Harry Staub

One of the many events planned for the Block Party will be the periodic auctioning of various items collected from the business community in Colorado Springs. At first, going into someone's place of business and asking for something for nothing was kind of unsettling. The more the volunteers got out there and did it though, the easier it became. It is really gratifying to see how anxious everyone is to donate different things to help raise money for the Community Center. The feelings of Pride and Unity generated by the owners, managers and employees in most of the establishments we visited was just as welcome and appreciated as the items they ended up donating.

Some of the things you can look forward to seeing up on the auction block will be a varied selection of services from many different professionals, a large selection of art objects ranging from pottery to wall hangings to stained glass. Dinners for two, birds in cages and you name it and it will probably be there.

Anyone in town who owns or operates a business and hasn't been contacted by a Helpline volunteer as yet, don't give up. Someone will be by to talk to you and in the event you dont hear from us (very small staff, very large community) give us a call. Anyone making a donation will receive a tax deduction form from the Community Center which can be used as a write off for their gift.

THIS IS ENTERTAINMENT!

By Harry Staub

After weeks of work and a lot of interviews the entertainment committee (set up by the Helpline) has come up with not one, but two bands to play at the Block Party. Annie Lenore (frequent entertainer at the Hide & Seek) will be starting off the day with a large selection of Jazz and Easy Listening music. A popular entertainer with the community, Annie is looking forward to being a part of the first Block Party in Colorado Springs.

Later on in the afternoon the stage will be taken over by Vicki Shepard and H 3 O. Also well liked by the members of the community, Vicki and her group are well known for the large variety and selections of music that they play.

The two bands are just a part of the entertainment planned for the day. Along with everything else going on, The Block Party will have something to offer everyone.

TV STATION DROPS ANITA BRYANT AS HOST

Atlanta (AP) – Anita Bryant, who sparked controversy with her outspoken opposition to a Miami gay rights ordinance, has been dropped from a local television show after one appearance.

Miss Bryant was taken off "PM Atlanta" because of negative reaction from viewers, WAGA-TV Manager Paul Raymon said Thursday.

Miss Bryant lost her job as spokeswoman for Florida orange juice in the 1970s amid her successful campaign to repeal a Miami gay rights ordinance.

She made her heavily promoted debut on the Atlanta magazine-style news show Tuesday, and had been scheduled to appear in weekly segments showing local talent.

"We were under the impression, and I think she was as well, that the past controversies that had surrounded her no longer existed," Raymon said. "But we did get something of a groundswell of reaction that indicated that it still does exist, at least in Atlanta."

He did not cite specific complaints, but said the station has a policy that "proscribes using any controversial public figures as talent on any entertainment programs."

Miss Bryant's second "PM Atlanta" segment, already taped, will not be used he said.

Miss Bryant could not be reached for comment. station officials could not say where she could be reached Friday. *The Sun*

RED CROSS ORDERS AIDS WARNING SYSTEM

WASHINGTON – The American Red Cross Friday ordered its 57 regional blood centers to set up a system to warn blood donors whose blood shows traces of the dread Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome disease.

All Red Cross blood centers were told to contact anyone whose donated blood fails to pass two highly sensitive AIDS detection tests.

The donors will be told that positive responses to the two tests do not necessarily mean they have the disease, but the donors will be urged to undergo additional tests to determine whether an AIDS infection has occurred.*Gazette*

QUEEN FOR A DAY CONTEST

By Allan Wakefield

If you are one of the many talented performers in the community and you have been wondering what you can do for your part in Gay Pride Week, here's your chance. As part of the festivities scheduled for The Block Party (June 22nd) there will be a Queen for a Day contest. Already about 10 of the areas local performers have paid their $10.00 entry fee and signed up for a chance at the first place trophy. Each contestant will be given a certain amount of time on the stage and the winner will be determined by the amount of dollars collected from the audience for each performance. One dollar will be the equivelant of one vote. Scheduled to begin at 4:30 in the afternoon this promises to be one of the more entertaing events planned for the day.

LAUGH LINES

June is the month for weddings and of course Holy Unions. Comfort can be given to those mothers by saying "you're not losing a daughter-youre gaining one!"

INVASION OF THE BUTTON SELLERS

On Saturday May 4th, thirteen members of the Helpline carpooled to Pueblo. Objective:stir up interest in the Block Party, extend invitations to the Pueblo Community to attend, sell buttons and show some Pride. Reception was warm at both the bars and over $40.00 worth of buttons were sold. Gary Dall arranged to meet the group at the Hide and Seek of Pueblo to break the ice and make introductions. His help for the evening was appreciated and his donations of time and services acting as a liaison between the Pueblo and Colorado Springs communities was gladly accepted. The Helpline does plan on making one more trip before June 22nd (date of the Block Party) and anyone interested in finding out more information is welcome to contact Gary at 542-1129.

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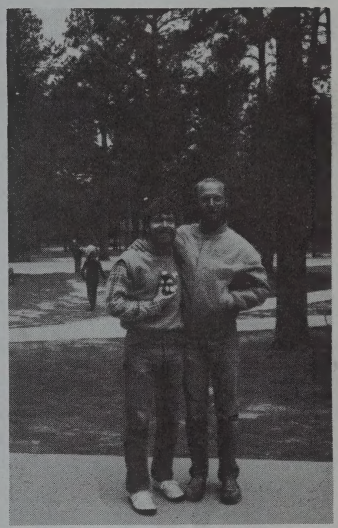

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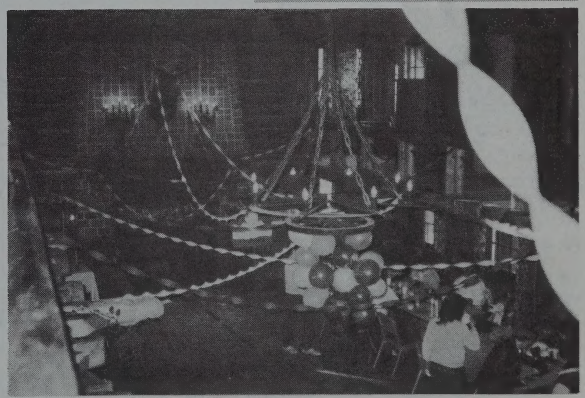

EXCEL

By Conny Seay

A weekend of Christian Renewal was attended by 57 gay women and men from Colorado Springs, Texas, California and Oregon on May 10, 11 & 12. The "Excel" retreat was sponsored by Pikes Peak Metropolitan Community Church and was lead by individuals from that church. The purpose of the weekend was to study the components of Christianity and be renewed in Christian faith through worship & fellowship. Excel is an annual event in Colo. Spgs. and plans are already being made for next year. Plan on being part of an exciting and spirit-filled Excel in 1986.

Float Committee busy working on base of float.
Clockwise from bottom: Rod, Tim, Michelle, KayLyn, Rene, Allan, Marlene & Ed.

FLOAT READY TO GO

By Rod Witmer

The float committe got together on Saturday, June 1 and designed and built a float to be used by the Pikes Peak Region in the big Parade on the 23rd. In the form of a Lavender button which reads "Alive With Pride In 85" the float will also have a skirt around it with the names of all the local support groups and organizations. It took a lot of running around to get the lumber, truck and paint together and we couldn't have done it without the help of a lot of caring people. Thanks to all of them, I appreciate the donated labor and materials and especially the people themselves for making Saturday a fun project not just another job. A special note to the rest of the community. We have a float, a banner and a lot of Pride, all we need now is a lot of people with us in Denver. Hope to see you all there.

ANSWER TO GAY HISTORY QUESTION

The Gay Pride Run

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OPERATION RESURRECTION

By Dan Lykins

Maranatha Metropolitan Community Church will be holding a retreat in Emerald Valley on August 17th and 18th. Cost is $40.00 per person and includes food and lodging. Worship Services, hiking and general relaxation will be on the agenda for the weekend and reservations are being taken now. Anyone interested in attending should get in touch with Dan before July 15th.

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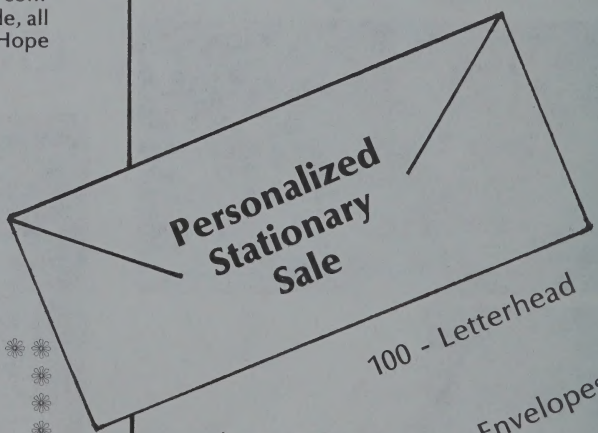

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ROOMATES

Female Student looking for apartment, preferably near Colorado College during summer months, June 1 - Sept 1. non smoker, Please call Bobbie at 473-2233 ext/ 252 pr ext/ 251.

HELP WANTED

Gay Helpline Wanted: People to handle phone calls and make referrals to the Gay Community. Requirements: Dependable, able to donate 3-6 hrs/wk and enjoy assisting people with information. For more information call 471-4GAY, Mon thru Fri 6-9 P.M. or Sat 1-5 P.M.

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Taken from Lesbian Health Matters

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How To Do Breast Self Exam

First look at your breast, preferably standing in front of a mirror.

1) Let your arms hang relaxed at your sides. Inspect both breasts, front and sides for: any distinct changes in size or shape since your last exam; any dimpling or puckering of the breast; unusual changes in the appearance or position of the nipples.

2) Stretch your arms overhead, and repeat the same exam, looking for the same things.

3) Press heels of hands together firmly, to tense your chest muscles. This would help any changes such as dimpling or puckering stand out.

4) Squeeze each nipple, and area around the nipple and check for any unusual discharge.

Then lay down on a comfortable surface and feel your breasts.

1) to examine your left breast, place your left hand under your head, and with your right hand feel for unusual lumps or masses. Using the flat of your fingers, press gently at the top of your breast and continue with your fingers in a clockwise motion around the outside of your breast, until you return to where you started.

2) Move your fingers about one inch toward the nipple. Trace another circle moving closer to the nipple, and finally feeling the nipple area too.

3) Repeat the procedure on the right breast with the right hand behind your head.

Remember, when doing breast self exam, especially for the first few times, don't panic if you find what you think are "lumps all over my breasts." Many women's breasts are *normally lumpy.* Breast tissue, milk ducts, muscles and fibrous tissue, can be very deceiving and appear as a lump to someone not familiar with her breasts. After an exam with a medical practitioner you should know what is normal for you, and continue with regular breast exam every month.

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By John Potterat

Part IV: On the viral STD

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Doctors have no magic bullets to cure them. To win the battle you need powerful artillery: a solid immune system. There are two kinds of ordnance in defense of your body: helper **cells** and molecules called **antibodies.** Yet these do not guarantee success, because viruses are wiley opponents. For example, AIDS viruses not only have the temerity to attack the helper cells directly; they also thumb their noses at the astronomical number of antibodies thrown at them. Herpes viruses dodge the soldiers by hiding in a fortress (nerve cells). Hepatitis-B virus fragments can survive the immune response-...guerrillas who tunnel in the liver and live to fight another day.

Although none of the other STD have been linked to cancer, **every** viral STD has. Moreover, multiple viral infections (common in gay men) impair the immune system - an apparently critical factor in determining who, once exposed to the AIDS virus, eventually comes down with AIDS itself.

Enter: Prevention. Easily done with Hepatitis - B since an excellent vaccine is available. Immunize. for the other STD, prevention spells S-A-F-E S-E-X: use rubbers, don't rim, don't accept secretions in your mouth or anus (sperm, urine, poop), don't share needles, don't fist, and don't share "toys". At least with strangers.

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Next vignette: Gay bowel Syndrome

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9 **MMCC** – Worship Service, Pot Luck after Service, 10:30 am. at 1809 DePaul. **PPMCC** – Worship, 5 pm. at 730 N. Tejon	10 **Can We Talk** – 7 pm. at the community center.	11 **Imperial Court** – Final candidate show. Watch for details.	12 **PPMCC** – Prayer Lunch **Imperial Court** – Emperor & Empress Awards show. Watch for details. **PPMCC** – Christian Support group at 7 pm. **MMCC** – Bible Study, 7pm., 1313 Bennett.	13 **Dignity** – Mass celebrated by Rev. LeRoy Clementich, 7pm, room 8, Sacred Heart Parish Center. Dessert social following liturgy. Bring a dessert to share. **Count Me In** – 7:30 pm. Call the Helpline for information.	14 **PPMCC** – Women's Get Together at 7 pm. **Imperial Court** – Emperor and Empress Stepping down show. Hide and Seek. 10:30 and 12:30.	15 **Imperial Court** – ICSC CORONATION, Clarion Hotel. 6 pm.
16 **Network** – Pride Picnic, Palmer Park, 9:00 am. **MMCC** – Worship Service, 10:30 am., 1809 DePaul. **ICSC** - Victory Brunch at the Exit, 1:00 pm. **PPMCC** – Gay Pride Worship Service, 5 pm., "People of Worth"	17 **Network** – Community Night at Henri's, all of the support groups are invited to join us and share in the Pride. Special Guest Speaker – Gerard Perusse "Reflecting Pride in A Gay Community and How It Can Work For You." **Can We Talk** – 7 pm. at the community center	18 **PPGCC** – Board Meeting 7:30 pm. at the Community Center.	19 **PPMCC** – Prayer Lunch at noon. **MMCC** – Bible Study, 7pm., 1313 Bennett. **PPMCC** – Christian Support Group at 7 pm.	20 **Dignity** – Prayer Service, 7pm., room 8, Sacred Heart Parish Center. **Count Me In** – "Coming Out Stories" 7:30 pm. Call the Helpline for information.	21 **Hide & Seek** – Review Show	22 **Dignity** – Will have booth/table at Gay Block Party. Plan on helping out and having fun at the same time. **Block Party** – Community Center Parking area, 10am. tickets available at the gate. **MMCC** – Visit our booth at the block party.
23 **MMCC** – Prayer and Song Service at 8:00 am. **Dignity** – Will participate in this years Gay Pride Parade in Denver. **Gay Pride Parade in Denver** – Meeting at the Community Center (Colo. Spgs.) 9am. **PPMCC** – Worship at 5 pm.	24 **Can We Talk** – 7pm. at the community center.	25 	26 **PPMCC** – Prayer Lunch at noon. **MMCC** – Bible Study, 7pm. 1313 Bennett. **PPMCC** – Christian Support group at 7 pm.	27 **Dignity** – Mass, celebrated by Rev. Joe Halloran. 7pm., room 8, Sacred Heart Parish Center. Potluck dinner following the liturgy. Bring a dish to share with the group. **MMCC** – Benefit Show by Kelly at the Hide & Seek, 10:00 pm. and midnight. **Count Me In** – 7:30 pm. Call the Helpline for information.	28 	29 **The Denver Gay Mens Chorus** – 6:45 pm. at the Little Theater (City Auditorium), admission price $2.00.
30 **MMCC** – Special Fellowship Memorial Sunday Worship, 10:30 am., at 1809 DePaul. **PPMCC** – Worship at 5 pm.	**July 1** **U.F.M.C.C.** – General conference starts in Sacramento Calif. **Can We Talk** – 7 pm. at the community center.	2 	3 **PPMCC** – Prayer Lunch at noon. **PPMCC** – Christian Support group at 7 pm.	4 **Count Me In** – 7:30 pm. Call the helpline for information. **HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!**	5 **MMCC** – Bible Study, 7pm., at 1313 Bennett.	

Community Calendar
June 5th thru July 5th

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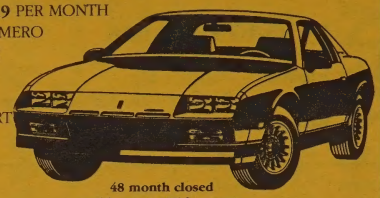

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GAY PRIDE WEEK CALENDAR

June 15th thru June 23rd

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						15 **CORONATION '85** - At the Clarion Hotel Ballroom, Cocktail Party at 6:00pm., Coronation at 7:00pm. Tickets on sale now for $15.00. **GLORIA GAYNOR** - 2 Shows, 10:00 pm. at the Annex, 12:30 am. at the Hide & Seek.
16 **M.M.C.C.** - Special Worship Service. 10:30 am., In honor of the gay martyrs **NETWORK PRIDE PICNIC** - 9 am. to 4 pm. at Palmer Park (Directions will be posted) Tickets on sale now ($3.00) for Bar-B-Que, between 11:00 and 12:30. Plenty of softball and the winner will be picked for the V.C.R. 'Wild Raffle'. **'THE TIMES OF HARVEY MILK** - 8 pm. at the Hide & Seek, $1.50 admission. **P.P.M.C.C.** - Special Worship Service, 5:00 pm.,730 N. Tejon, Special Music. **IMPERIAL COURT** - Victory Brunch, at the Exit, 1:00 pm. Celebrating the new Emperor and Empress.	17 **NETWORK** - Pride Week Get-Together, at Henri's 6 pm. to 9 pm., everyone welcome. Special Guest Speaker Gerard Perruse on 'Reflecting Pride In A Gay Community And How It Can Work For You'	18 **P.P.G.C.C.** - Board Meeting, 7:30 pm. at the Community Center.	19 **M.M.C.C.** - Bible Study - 7 pm. at 1313 Bennet	20 **DIGNITY** - Congregation will meet at 7:00 pm. at Sacred Heart, Special Speaker. **COUNT ME IN** - Meets at 7:30, anyone interested in attending, leave your name and number with the HELPLINE, someone will call you back. This weeks discussion, 'Coming Out Stories.'	21 **Hide & Seek** - Review Show.	22 **BLOCK PARTY** - 10:00 am. to 8:00 pm. in the Community Center parking area. Live entertainment featuring 'Annie Lenore and Vicki Shepard w/ H 3 O, Food Booths, Game Booths, Auctions, and Queen for a Day Contest. Tickets on sale now. With your help we can make this the biggest get-together the Colorado Springs and Pueblo communities have ever seen. **Atlanta Male Strippers** - (Ex Chippendale Dancers) 2 Shows, 10:00 pm. at the Annex, Midnight at the Hide & Seek.
23 **M.M.C.C.** - Prayer and Song Service, 8:00 am. at the center. **GAY PRIDE PARADE** - Anyone interested in carpooling to the parade grounds in Denver, meet at the Community Center at 9 am. A continental breakfast will be served by the Count Me In group.						

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TO YOUR HEALTH

Will It Work?

By Gloria Latimer

As we become more aware of the importance of personal health and fitness, businesses become more aware of the dollars we'll spend to improve our health. Consequently, there are many types of exercise equipment on the market today. You may want to purchase some exercise equipment to enhance your fitness program. But how do you know it will work?

Lots of advertising for different types of equipment make misleading and even false claims. So if you're going to buy some equipment make sure it will do what the manufacturer says it will do. Here are the facts on various types of exercise equipment taken from **Rating the Exercises** by Charles R. Kuntzleman and the editors of Consumer Guide.

Belt vibrators: A belt vibrator is a motorized belt that you place around your body (where you want to lose some fat, of course) and it's supposed to shake or vibrate the fat off your body. The experts agree that it won't. In no way will a belt vibrator add to your fitness level or slim and tone your body.

Save your money!

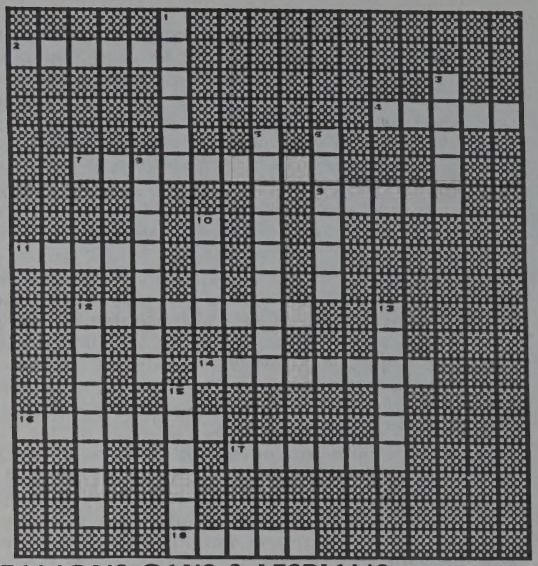
Roller Machines: These are similar to belt vibrators with the exception that they have rollers that are supposed to massage the fat off certain areas. Sounds great and probably feels pretty good but a roller machine can't massage away fat. It is not recommended by the experts that you buy one.

Whirlpool Baths: As relaxing and soothing as whirlpool baths may be they have no real fitness value. The purpose of the moving water in a whirlpool is to provide a massage and may be helpful in bringing temporary relief to tired muscles. The expense of having a whirlpool installed in your own home is too costly for most of us but many health clubs and spas include such facilities. For relaxation, whirlpools do the trick. For increasing fitness, the experts don't recommend them.

Exercise Wheel: The exercise wheel looks like a tricycle wheel with a dowel rod thru the middle of it. To use it you get down on your knees and put the exercise wheel in front of you on the floor, then grasp the handles and extend your body forward and pull it back to the starting position. It's supposed to trim your waistline if you repeat the steps several times. The exercise wheel is a "gimicy, low cost" item that's not recommended. Another reason to avoid the exercise wheel is that it puts a lot of stress on the lower back.

The types of equipment discussed here are not the only gimics on the market. When you decide to buy some equipment, choose pieces that have been proven to be effective in increasing strength, endurance, or cardio--vascular fitness. Equipment should enhance your fitness program, not replace it. Be skeptical of terrific sounding claims--ask for specific details and a money--back guarantee. The important question is "Will it Work?"

For information on this or other topics, contact Gloria Latimer, Health Educator, El Paso County Health Department, 501 N. Foote Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80909-4589 or call 578-3108.



FAMOUS GAYS & LESBIANS

The answers to the crossword puzzle are found all around you. Some appear in this paper, some at the Community Center Library and some you'll know just because you've heard about them all your life.

ACROSS

2. What famous Drag Queen, best known for her movie appearances release an album titled "Jungle Jezabel?"
4. Born in 1874 and died in 1946 this woman was Alice B. Toklas' lover.
7. Silent Film star (last month's gay history question)
9. What famous football player became the first professional athlete to tell the world that he is a homosexual?
11. Famous author who went thru 3 seperate trials and spent 2 years in prison because of his homosexuality.
12. Gay Porno legend born in 1946, still remains one of that industry's main attractions. Who is he?
14. Who was the first gay to speak as a gay on radio?
16. Who wrote Leaves of Grass?
17. Poet, songwriter and singer of the 60's known for his "sad" verses and the problems he had looking for his father.
18. Famous entertainer who first discussed his bi-sexuality in Rolling Stone magazine?

DOWN

1. Lead singer for Culture Club.
3. Founder of The Metropolitan Community Church and author of The Lord Is My Shepherd and He Knows I'm Gay.
5. Famous gay playwright who wrote Torch Song Trilogy and one the Tony Award for Best Play in 1983.
6. Gertrude Stein's lover.
8. What celebrated gay entertainer played a "flaming homosexual" casket salesman in the movie The Loved One?
10. Famous female tennis player who made the front pages over her affair with another women.
12. Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, A Streetcar Named Desire and The Glass Menagerie were all written by what famous playwright?
13. First name of the college track coach in Patricia Nell Warren's book The Front Runner
15. Who wrote, "I'm an alcoholic. I'm a drug addict. I'm a homosexual. I'm a genius"?

GAY GAY

By Roger Webb, Pastor PPMCC

There is a rightful excitement in much of our gay community as we draw near to our first local "Gay Pride Week" here in the Pikes Peak area.

How challenging! We used to so easily celebrate gay pride in the anonymity of Denver. With 3 million people and 60 miles to separate us, it was easy. Now the collective closet door of Colorado Springs gay and lesbian community is about to echo around Pikes Peak. Times they are a changing...

What I am looking for is to get you to consider where you place in this new celebration. Is your gayness an extension only of your genital need or is your gayness a vital part of your personhood? There will be gratitude and pride for the few hundreds who participate in the gay pride week events but what of the thousands who won't be there?

There are gays who only will enter the "gay world" when they want sex. But they socialize only with straights. We're only good enough for a lay but the hetrosexuals are reserved for "normal" social interaction. There are the gays who enter and stay in the "gay world" to have sex and party but fail to affirm themselves or others that there is more to us than that...

The gay pride week is just for that. For folk who love to love gays...For folk who love to party with other gays...and yes, for folk who love to stand tall with other gays and let the world know "we are everywhere."

Let some light into your closet. Have you noticed how many of the gay pride week events are outside? The block party, picnic and parade are all outdoors. So come and join us. Leave it to us to make sure you get a "gay-chic tan" while carrying out your gay responsibility.

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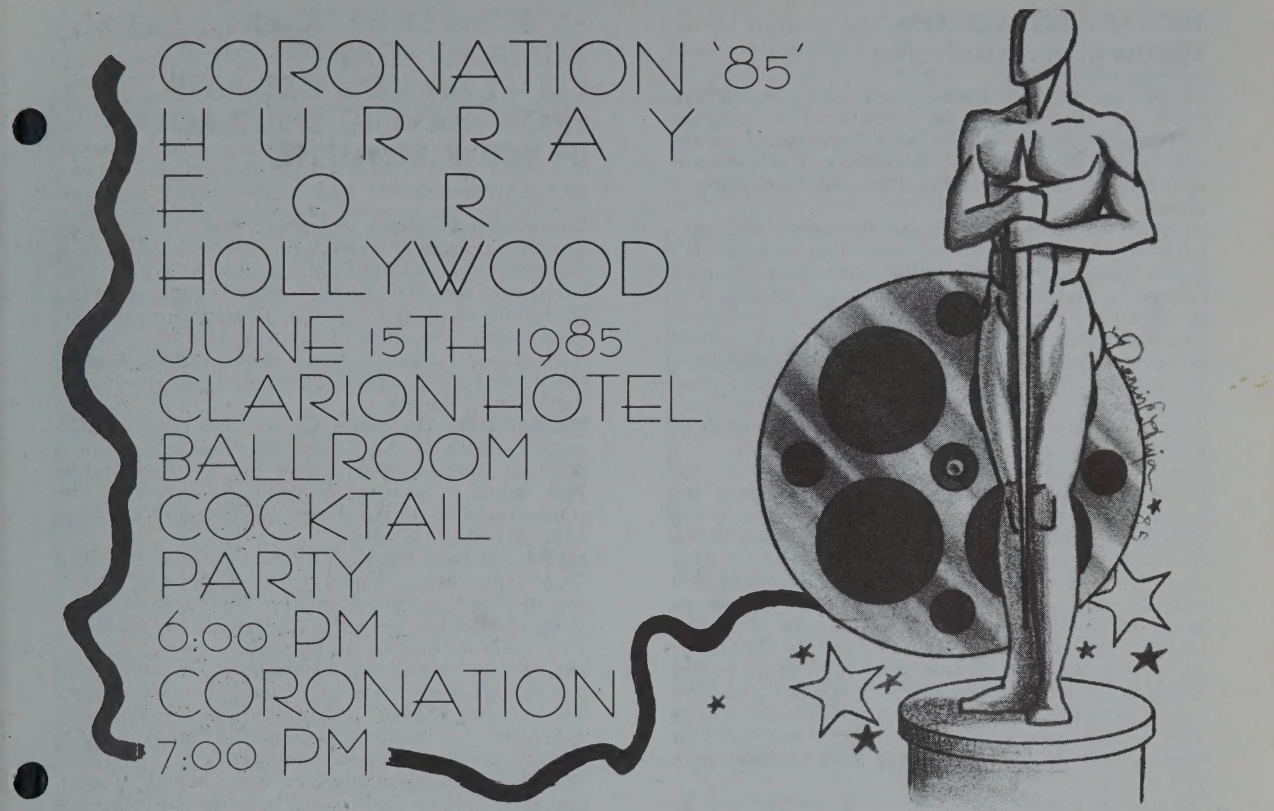

INSIDE PPGCC

By Tim Symons

Ed. Note: Tim is Vice President of PPGCC and is joining the SOURCE as a regular contributor.

The PPGCC Speaker's Bureau spoke to Harold Anderson's Deviant Behavior class at PPCC on April 29 and a rousing time it was. Sort of a small scale Donahue Show! Roger, Robin, and Tim were on the panel.

May 3 the PPGCC office was visited by Bob Fogg, noted gay author, who presented a signed copy of his latest book (on the spirit world through gay eyes) to the Center Library.

I am proud of PPGCC's new lavender membership cards, even though I did help create them.

Since 6 new Helpline volunteers have stepped forward lately, the monthly pot luck and seminar for May was somewhat a celebration. The speaker was a real recovering gay alcoholic. He shared his experience, strength, and hope with the volunteers and gave them a few tips on dealing with alcohol calls.

The PPGCC Board meeting on May 21 dealt partly with finalizing the arrangements for Roger/PPMCC's new office space at the Center. The rest of the meeting was all abuzz (as is the whole gay and lesbian C.S. community about the Block Party and Gay Pride Week. I am pleased to announce that PPGCC and KKTV – channel 11 are cooperating to air some very good antihomophobic public service announcements very soon.

The balance of my article is editorial in nature – my opinion. I have been gay in Colorado Springs for a number of years, and I must admit I am blown away by how out and active we've become the last two years or so! And I don't credit any one organization or institution with sparking this growth (and my happiness).

But, it's there... it's there among us, waiting to destroy what we have. What's there is the distrust we have for each other – The feeling of polarity in our community. Why have we seen two perfectly good mixed (M&F) gay rap groups become a female one and a male one? Why must there be two MCC's? Sure we're human, but trusting our brothers and sisters must come above petty rivalries if we are to expand our lives. Having been downtrodden and discriminated against, I cannot afford to treat anyone else the same way. Gay Pride Week could perhaps be changed to Gay UNITY Week.

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WOMEN TO WOMEN

Michigan Womyn's Music Festival

By JoAnn Goldsmith

Don't miss the 10th anniversary extravaganza of the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival. The program includes 36 concerts, dances, workshops, games, camping, crafts, theater, comedy and dance. Circle August 8–11 on your calendar and start making travel plans to attend.

Actually, attending the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival is an experience; not just attending an event. It's music morning, afternoon and evening, being performed by the largest group of womyn musicians to gather for one event. It's outdoors on 651 acres of beautiful woodlands. It's shopping at the Craft Bazaar which brings together the largest collection of womyn crafts in the country. It's workshops on a variety of topics too numerous to mention, networking with womyn from around the globe and information about all kinds of exciting womyn ventures and political concerns.

The festival is all of those external, physical, obvious things. The real experience, however, is internal. It's safety, being on land that is exclusively womyn. It's being able to walk through the land at 2:00 am, alone, with a dim flashlight beam showing the trail, and realizing that there is no need to fear a sound coming from behind you. It's power, knowing that every need of the thousands of participants is being taken care of by the womyn. Special needs such as those for differently abled, also taken into consideration. It's creative energy being in an atmosphere which is not polluted with expectations of what is is to be female. It's freedom to be with another womyn and smile, flirt, hold hands or express feelings in whatever way feels appropriate to you at that moment.

Four days of living in an environment free from restrictions on dress, behavior and belief systems is a life changing experience. It may be uncomfortable at first, you may even be judgemental about behavior which seem "wrong" because of what you have been told is "right." However, if you go with an open mind and a willingness to experience a new sense of "who you are," your reality will be changed forever.

There are some things which are more in the realm of being tolerated than enjoyed. There is the trek in to set up camp, vegetarian food (if you aren't a vegetarian), cold showers, portable toilets, and dramatic temperature changes from day to evening (especially noticed when sunburned); but I only promised you an unforgettable experience not utopia.

If you would like more information on this event please feel free to contact me at 635–7111.

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MARGARET HECKLER BUMBLES AGAIN – OR – CAN YOU GET AIDS FROM HAVING YOUR FOOT IN YOUR MOUTH?

By Tim Symons MLT

Considering the large assembled body of respected scientists, doctors and health professionals gathered at the recent International Conference on AIDS in Atlanta, I think they should have chosen their keynote speaker a little more carefully. Yes, your friend and mine, Margaret Heckler, Secretary of Health and Human Services, did it again. Her remarks alongside those of **knowledgable** people held the already discredited Reagan administration up to ridicule.

PROBABILITY: Dr. James Curran, the leading AIDS epidemiologist at the Center for Disease Control is optimistic that an AIDS vaccine can be developed by 1990. When it becomes available, he says it will be administered to all Americans who haven't yet been infected with AIDS virus.

MYTH: Margaret Heckler said the fight against AIDS is the administrations number one health priority. She said that the huge amount of money the Reagan regime is giving to AIDS funding will bring "remarkable progress" and "point the cannon at the AIDS target."

FACT While the number of reported AIDS cases zooms past 10,000 cases in the United States and heads toward 800 in Europe, Reagan has proposed a budget allocation of $11.9 million less for next year. (The number of AIDS cases is expected to double next year.)

INSULT Although she stumbled over a number of scientific terms, Margaret showed her extreme intelligence by stating "We must conquer AIDS before it affects the heterosexual population." Besides being ill-informed, Ms. Heckler appears to be grossly insensitive to Americas ideals. I for one am insulted. I am gay and at risk for AIDS, I resent being singled out from the general public. End of Editorial.

In *OUT FRONT*, April 26, 1985, Phil Nash wrote a monumental statement about AIDS: "Both AIDS and war erode forth in the ability of the more materially, fortunate members of the human race to transcend human misery."

POPULAR FEST HAS REOPENED FOR SUMMER

One of the most popular annual summer events in Colorado is the Colorado Renaisance Festival, which opens this weekend in Larkspur.

The re-creation of a 16th century European marketplace, under the reign of King Henry VIII, features arts and crafts, food booths and live entertainment which ranges from jugglers and jesters to falconers and sword swallowers.

Leatherworkers, toymakers, potters and wood-workers are among the craftsmen who demonstrate and sell their wares at the fair. Blacksmithing, glassblowing, candlemaking and weaving are included in the medieval activities.

The fair runs from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.: saturdays and Sundays this weekend through July 14. Tickets are $8.50 at the gate or in advance from King Soopers for $7.75 for adults, and $3 for children at all times.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Changing Gods

By M.L. Bean

After years of defining and designing strategies to counter the whims of the God of Irony, I am finally ready to acknowledge a greater concern and thus desist. Undoubtedly the God of Irony will continue to dwell in unforseen circumstances and coincidence, altering hopes and expectations. He (generic) will continue to thwart imaginatively an individual's ambitions and plans, engendering frustration and rage and requiring time and patience to reassert one's direction. Remember a few random experiences: installing a new clutch system only to have the engine throw a rod, seeking the shortest supermarket line on a 10-minute break to stand behind a price check on some obscure, one-of-a-kind product: racing to the airport over the only road being repaired, right now, under your car; anticipating warmth and comfort after a zero temperature romp only to find the electricity out, the fireplace empty, and the wood supply in the all electric, closed garage. The list is endless, and everyone, exchanging incessantly, could never completely plan against the possibilities. Thankfully, most of the God of Irony's machinations are not malicious: minor chagrins, wry acknowledgement of fallibility, wasted time, changed plans are most common outcomes. The more serious determination of life and death, wealth or poverty, disease or comfort I leave to philosophers and theologians.

Recognizing the existence of deity such as He of Irony is useful: there is an immediate, nameable cause of one's misfortune..a scapegoat. However, beyond the inclusion of one's more colorful expletives, there is very little that can be actively done to assuage effects. Anticipation is the best foil, which the God of Irony, by definition, almost always subverts. Boasting a 27 per cent effective rate of anticipation, and being older, and,eh, older, I therefore invoke the God of Submission...or what to do when totaled.

There are several definitions of submission: total prostration, inviting footprints, a full or semi-prayer position (often poised on one's toes for a quick getaway), or a mental attitude. The Latter is harder to attain and certainly requires concentration to maintain. Essentially, recognition of the God of Submission is based on "it's ok, I'm ok." Helpless shrugs of shoulders, skyward glances, a slightly bowed head outwardly indicate acceptance.

I will never get a job. after seeking the (a) fulfilling career for several months, sending resumes to some nameless circular file disguised as a post office box, I submit. I will never get a job other than what I have. I'll get used to getting up at 5 a.m., whether the sun does or not. I will be thankful that I'm making ends meet, often racing to the next month before the bills. I accept that my fingers will walk no more through the L.L. Bean catalogues. I will not try to fulfill the republican ideal: the slush fund. I'll delight in coupons, lowered gas prices, mispriced merchandise, samples in the mailbox. The possibilities for negation seem wonderful.

I will always live alone. I won't have to train my hyperactive dog not to leap upon incoming guests. I will have to vacuum only when it is necessary to find something. Barbra Streisand can croon "Memories" over and over and over. The telephone "ringer" can be out of order for a week before I even know to ask Ma Bell's help. I'll know where I am evenings. All "to do" lists will be done. Life will be an ordered monotone.

"Is that all there is" Certainly not. Since I am in the infancy of defining the God of Submission, this is merely the first attempt to "paper train" my reactions. I expect accidents. Indeed, consideration of the entire pantheon of deities which includes the Gods of Rebellion, Justice, Success (presently on vacation) and Weather to name a few, assures me of more than a few incredible adventures yet to come, ones that will strain reason, thwart analysis yet beckon irresistably.

MAKE A WISH

By Michelle Abdill

Some of us have children, some of us will be parents in the future, some never will. All of us have children in our lives. Sadly, some of these children will be in our lives just a short time... they are terminally ill.

Talking about (even thinking about) terminally ill children is something most people will avoid if they can. If we stop and look around us we might find that not only do we know a dying child but we can do something to help them and their families.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation was founded in 1980 because a group of people in Arizona were unable to avoid the fact that a child was dying. They helped Chris Greicius fulfill his dream of "being a policeman". Chris died of leukemia at age 7. Out of that experience and others like it, the Make-A-Wish Foundation was created.

The purpose of the Make-A-Wish foundation is "to grant the favorite wish of any terminally ill child under the age of 18". More than that, the Foundation looks to the whole family and tries to provide them with special memories...not just hospitals, medicine, pain and tears. There are many examples of the good work this group has accomplished nationwide, from trips to Paris, and Disneyland to catching a fish and watching Grandma bake cookies. Colorado Springs has their own chapter of Make-A-Wish. They want to be able to add to the list of wishes fulfilled.

As local Make-A-Wish director, Diane Meyer said "If anyone knows a terminally ill child...make their parents aware of us...help them call us." And to parents, "don't be afraid to ask questions-get information, find out how we can make a wish really come true."

The local Foundation chapter also needs committed volunteers. If you have the time and energy to help make a dying child's most favorite wish come true, call Make-A-Wish at 634-7447. If you just want more information please feel free to call the same number.

It is important to remember that not only are many of us in the gay and lesbian community, parents, but we are all a part of the "larger community" as well. There are many places "out there" where we can give as well as receive.

COMMUNITY GROUPS AND SERVICES

The following is a list of all of the groups that presently meet on a regular basis in the Colorado Springs area.

"CAN WE TALK" - Mondays at 7:00 p.m. open to everyone

"COUNT ME IN" - Thursdays between 7:30 and 9:00 p.m. open to everyone 30 and over.

DIGNITY (Catholic support group) - Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. call 593-9606 for further information.

GAY ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:00 p.m. In the church basement at 730 N. Tejon.

GAY HELPLINE - 471-4GAY volunteers work the phones Monday thru Friday 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., Saturday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

IMPERIAL COURT OF SOUTHERN COLORADO - For information call 471-7468

INSIGHTS - 7:30 p.m. every other Tuesday discussion group open to everyone.

MARANATHA MCC - Meets Sundays at 10:30 am. at the Community Center.

NETWORK - 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, 6:00 to 9:00 P.M., Henri's Restaurant, 2427 W. Colorado Ave.

PIKES PEAK MCC - Sunday Service 5:00 pm. at 7:30 N. Tejon.

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE CLINIC - 510 N. Foote Avenue, minors examined without parents consent, information confidential, nominal fee. Call 636-0147

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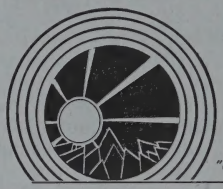

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Count Me In

By Karen

The Count Me In group had its first meeting in December, 1982, and has been meeting on a weekly basis since then. The group began as a response to requests from gays over 30 who expressed a need for a group of peers who could provide support and chance to talk with other gays in their age group. As the group expanded, it experienced the usual growth pangs of all such groups and evolved into a group whose membership varies in age and is not limited to gays over 30.

During the two and a half years that Count Me In has been in existence, there has been a wide variety of topics covered. Some of the topics discussed are: personal emotional growth, physical well being, taking risks in a relationship, communicating, trusting, and nutrition. We have also had guest speakers, with discussions on lesbian communities across the nation, PMS, cross-dressing, venereal disease, massage, menopause, and alcoholism. There have also been movies such as "Personal Best", "Making Love", and "La Cage Aux Folles". Some members of the group have also video taped television programs which are of special interest to our group.

Once each month there is a potluck brunch for the group, with hostess duties on a voluntary basis. Other activities have included skiing, ice fishing, camping, and other activities of interest to group members. Two years ago the Count Me In group challenged MCC to a softball game and has done so again this year for a game to be played on June 16.

Since its inception, this group and its very able facilitator have well met the informational and support needs of those members of our community who have attended. We have all found it a very welcome place to be on Thursday nights. We have also discovered that the range of topics covered is limited only by our imaginations and inquisitiveness.

For more information regarding the Count Me In group, contact the Helpline at 471-4GAY.

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By Conny Seay

Your voice is important! You can make a difference if you take action. How? Here are some helpful hints for writing to Congress:

* Keep your letter brief - a page or two.
* Handwritten letters are acceptable, if legible!
* Get directly to the point - what you want & why.
* Demonstrate your knowledge of her/his past actions.
* Avoid associating yourself with a group - individual's views are more important.
* Use your own words for more impact!
* Follow up any answer - respond to a legislator who writes.
* Address just one issue.
* Do not apologize for writing.
* Try not to exaggerate your case, but take strong position - no anger!
* Give praise when it is deserved.
* Avoid term "Gay Rights" - it does not effectively communicate the issues of basic civil rights and fairness.
* Who to write?

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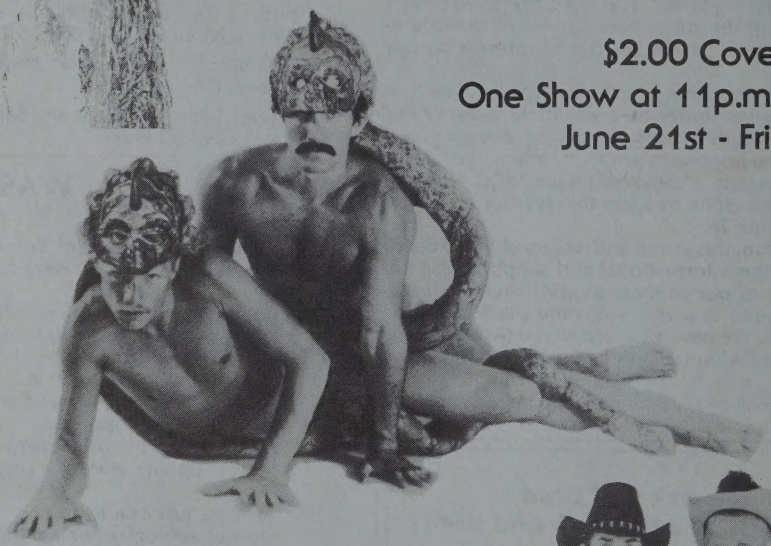

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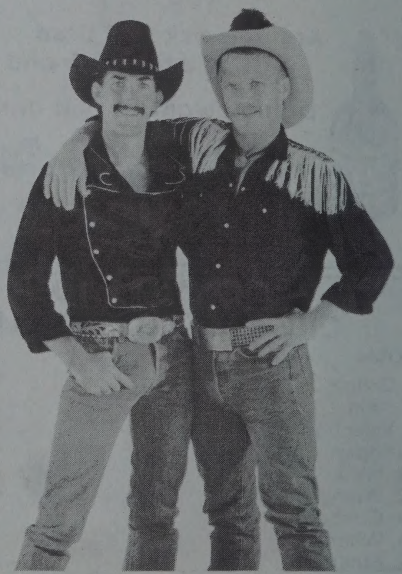

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